Certification/Endorsement Support Documents for Educators

Requirements for the Special Education Consultant Certificate (079)

Please see below for the requirements to qualify for both a conditional and/or professional certificate. Please note that the endorsement code is 079, which will be used throughout the application process. If you believe you qualify for either a conditional or professional certificate, please submit an initial application through our online MEIS system.

Three-year conditional certificate requirements include:
  (1) Section A. 1
  (2) 9 semester hours from Section A.3
  (3) Section A. 4
  (4) Section A. 5
  (5) Section A. 6

Five-year professional certificate requirements include completion of sections below:

NOTE: The number in ( ) indicates the number of semester hours required.
Section A:
1. Bachelor's degree conferred
2. Master's degree, CAS, or Doctorate
3. Special Education (24 graduate hours)
4. Four years as a full-time teacher of students with disabilities or a speech & language clinician
5. Training in two or more areas of disability (mental retardation, hearing impairments, visual impairments, serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities)
6. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints
Section B: Principles of Learning and Teaching Level K-6 **or** 7-12
Test Code 0622/5622 Score 160 **or** 7-12 Test Code 0624/5624 Score 157 OR Successful completion of a state-approved education program

Helpful Tips:

- For fingerprint information please visit: https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/fingerprinting
- To register for a PRAXIS exam please visit www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements.
- To get pre-approval for a course to fulfill a requirement, please email title of course and course description to cert.doe@maine.gov